Government and optimally utilize the Central forces and the Central assistance for modernization of State Police Forces made available to them. In addition, the State Governments have also been urged to ensure effective implementation of a large number of development Schemes to improve the conditions in the affected areas.

Law and order being a State subject, dealing with the various issues related to naxalite violence in a State lies in the domain of the concerned State Government.

Attack on tourists in Jammu and Kashmir

†1128. SHRI AJAY SINGH CHAUTALA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of attacks on domestic and foreign tourists by militants or any other outfits on these tourists during last two years;

(b) the number of travellers/tourists injured and killed in these attacks;

(c) the number of militants or suspicious persons nabbed or killed by police/army in the counter attacks;and

(d) whether Government have chalked out any specific strategy as a precautionary measure for the safety of the tourists?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SHRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) and (b) As per the report of the State Government of Jammu and Kashmir, there was no terrorist attack on tourists in 2005. However, in 2006, there were 12 attacks on tourists in the Valley in which 15 tourists were killed and 87 injured. In 2007 till July, two attacks have been directed towards tourists in which 03 tourists were killed and 27 injured.

(c) A total of 11 terrorists, involved in such attacks were arrested during 2006.

(d) The State Government and Security Forces, in an endeavour to make the security environment progressively safer for tourists, have taken the following steps:

(i) A separate tourist police and enforcement wing at Srinagar/Jammu and other tourist places exist which look after and protect the interests of the tourists in the State. The tourist police are empowered to take cognizance in cases of cheating and harassment.

(ii) Adequate deployment of Security Forces/State Police is being ensured around tourist spots and also roads leading to such places. Regular patrolling and anti-sabotage checks are being undertaken in and around tourist places and roads leading there.

(iii) A separate security arrangement, operational on a permanent basis exists at the Shrine of Mata Vaishno Devi at Katra and. its proximity.

Union Government provides necessary support to the State Government on request and continuously monitors the security situation.

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